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Re: Entry into National Stage for:
Intl. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2004/011183
Intl. Filing Date: October 7, 2004
For: **Process for Preparing Enantiomer-Enriched
Alpha-Hydroxycarboxylic Acids and Amides**
Inventor(s): Drauz, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/88091

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Application Data Sheet;
2. A copy of PCT/EP2004/011183 as filed on October 7, 2004, and naming as inventor(s):

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the application comprising:

17 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-17),
2 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 18-19), and
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 20);

3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. A copy of the PCT Request with a copy of Declarations executed by the inventors attached;
5. A copy of the PCT application as published, with International Search Report attached;
6. A copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority;
7. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
8. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account;
9. A copy of PCT/IB/304, Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of the Priority Document;
10. A copy of PCT/IB/306 indicating that inventor Stefan Buchholz's address has changed.
11. A copy of PCT/IB/308 Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices;
12. A copy of PCT/IB/371, Notification Relating to Declaration made under PCT Rule 4.17, confirming the receipt of the Declaration of Inventorship within the time limit under PCT rule 26ter; and

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This application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2004/011183, which had an international filing date of October 7, 2004. The international application claims priority to German application 103 47 888.4, filed on October 10, 2003. The present application claims priority to these previously filed counterparts and incorporates them by reference.

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